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3. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for reading out data from a recording medium having audio data and video data, wherein the audio data read out from a recording medium during n-speed reproducing, where n is a positive real number greater than 1, is converted into text data by sound recognition, and the characters representing text data are displayed superimposed on specially reproduced images displayed in a display device.

Please add claims 6 and 7 as follows:

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-- 6. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for reading out data from a recording medium having audio data and video data, comprising:

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a system controller for controlling a reproducing speed of the recording medium;
MPEG audio and video decoders for decoding audio data and video data;
an image signal processing circuit for performing a signal processing for n-speed producing, where n is a positive real number greater than 1, with respect to decoded video data;
a sound recognition text conversion circuit for converting decoded audio data into text data by sound recognition; and
an on-screen character processor for generating video signals displayed by superimposing the characters representing text data with the NTSC reproduced images,

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wherein, during special reproduction performed at n-speed, the contents of audio data for n-seconds recorded on the recording medium are displayed for 1 second.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the sound recognition text conversion circuit comprises:

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a data analysis processing unit for analyzing the audio data according to speed change information from the system controller and for improving the accuracy of sound recognition by suppressing unnecessary noise;

a data table for registering the text data and the corresponding audio data; and

a data conversion processing unit for integrating the timing of the audio data from the data analysis processing unit with the timing of the audio data from the data table, and searching audio data from the data table nearest to the audio data from the data analysis processing unit by comparing each audio data and receiving the text data corresponding to the audio data from the data table. --